

Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2016

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Meeting Dates

The Carlos Town Board meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except for November and December, when the board meets only on the second Thursday of the month. The Board meets at the Carlos Elementary School.



Township Roads

At this time the annual township road inspection has not been scheduled. The tour is usually held at the end of April or beginning of May.

Road Projects completed in 2015

The township overlayed Terrace Drive last year.

The west end of Prairie road was reconstructed and repaved, and Carlos Bluffs had some repairs.

Seal Coating

The township sealcoated the following roads last summer: Birchwood Dr, Ct and Terrace, Pine Haven, Circle Drive, Three Haven and Stardust Lane. By adding this layer of protection, our roads will last much longer.

Upcoming Road Projects

The board will be exploring the paving of area roads due to the lower cost of oil along with repairing sections of South Park Drive.

Miltona Carlos Bridge

The township is working with Douglas County to have this bridge replaced sometime this year. This project is waiting on money from the legislature.

Road Maintenance/Snow Removal Concerns from residents

All work orders need to be directed from the board. If any resident has a concern or question regarding road maintenance, please contact a board member and they will then contact the road maintainer.

Pushing Snow across Township Roads

Winter is not over: Per Minnesota Statute Chapter 160.2715 it is unlawful to dump, plow, or push snow from a private driveway onto or across a public road, i.e. township, county or state. This issue has been addressed in numerous township newsletters and in the Echo Press.

This practice is in violation of this statute and can be prosecuted for a misdemeanor and can result in a fine of up to \$500.00. The Douglas County Sheriff's department will be the enforcer of this statute. All costs to re-blade the road will be incurred to the offending property owner.

Trash/Landscaping materials located in Township Right of Way:

It is mystifying why people feel they can dump their mattresses, old TV's, etc. in the township right of way. Please be respectful of our township and dispose of personal property properly. Landscaping rocks in the Right of Way pose a dangerous obstacle for safety reasons. If you have any landscaping timber/rocks - they should not be in the Right of Way. Newly paved driveways that are abutting gravel township roads are being laid too far out onto the township road. We've had an issue where the blade has clipped the tar and broken up the driveway. When installing a tar driveway, have your contractor end the tar well back of the township road. Road Maintenance is a thankless and not an easy job. Please be

considerate of the road maintainer so he can perform his job with safety in mind

Spring Reminder!!!!

It is also illegal to burn leaves on the roadway, or remove Class V from the township roads

Be Sure To Get Out and Vote

***Tuesday, March 8th Polls Open from
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM***

Annual Meeting to Follow at 8:00PM

Township Election and Annual Meeting Get ready to participate.

Tuesday, March 8th is the Township Election and Annual Meeting for Carlos Township. Both will be held at the Carlos Town Hall, located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly behind Herby's.

Up for election this year is one, 3-year supervisor term, and a 2-year clerk term. Dwayne Waldorf has filed for re-election for the 3-year supervisor position and Rebecca Anderson has filed for re-election for the 2-year clerk position.

Township government plays a primary role in maintaining our quality of life. If you are unfamiliar on what your Township does for you, we urge you to take part in the Annual Meeting and see grass roots government in action.

Your presence does make a difference as residents attending the Annual meeting vote on the budget for 2017.



**Carlos Township Annual Meeting
AGENDA
March 8, 2016 - 8:00 PM**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting

Guests and Presentations: (Funding to be voted as presented on or after hearing levy recommendation).

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) Lakes Area Recreation
- 3) Alexandria Fire Department
- 4) Carlos Fire Department
- 5) Carlos First Responders

Vote on Levy Recommendations

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) Lakes Area Recreation
- 3) Carlos First Responders

Old Business:

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2015
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

New Business:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2017
 - a. Set Amount for the General Fund
 - b. Set Amount for the Road and Bridge Fund
 - c. Other Services and Funding as Desired
- 2) Specify Depository for Township Funds
- 3) Specify Locations for Posting Notices
- 4) Specify Newspaper for Publication of Notices
- 5) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Election
- 6) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Meeting
- 7) Discuss Application of Calcium Chloride
- 8) Set Gopher Bounty

Un-Official Election Results Declared

Other Business:

- 1) Road Maintenance
- 2) Dog Problems
- 3) Spraying for Weeds
- 4) From the Floor
- 5) Comment Box

Adjourn

Board of Canvass to Meet and Declare Official Election Results

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

With the fine cooperation of our County Department Heads & employees, the Board is very pleased that we didn't have to raise the levy for 2016.

It was a very good year, in that the sales tax helped us repair many roads that were long overdue for attention, with more plans for work to be done this year and into the future.

The County will save taxpayers a million dollars by re-financing the Jail Bonds.

The Board approved hiring Watercraft Inspectors for AIS Prevention this summer.

A Resolution was passed endorsing "Bee-Safe" policies and procedures for the County to help save bees.

New GPS Survey Equipment was purchased and was given permission to lease a couple of vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management for Public Works.

After 20 years of serving as Assistant Emergency Management Director for the County, Denis Stark announced his retirement.

After 38 years as Social Services Director, Mike Woods retired in January.

The Board gave approval for part-time patrol service to the City of Evansville from the County Sheriff's Department and approved the Park Trail Design Proposal for County Parks.

For your information, I will not be filing for re-election this year for my County Commissioner position. I announce this so that any of you who may be interested in filing, will have some time. It is a four year term and although we work for the entire County, my District - District 3 encompasses the six Eastern Townships of the County. It has been a great run -I've truly enjoyed serving the people of Douglas County the past 12 years, and also four years in the early 90's. If you are interested and want to talk about the position, do get in touch with me.

For now I wish you a wonderful summer and remind you to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. See you at a few of the six Annual Township Meetings on March 8th.

Bev Bales, Commissioner bevb@embarqmail.com 320-852-7335.